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NOTIFICATION OF THE RECORDING
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From the INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

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ROYAUME-UNIApplicant's or agent's file reference
PHM 70408/WO

IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION

International application No.
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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

Applicant's or agent's file reference PHM 70408/WO	FOR FURTHER ACTION see Notification of Transmittal of International Search Report (Form PCT/ISA/220) as well as, where applicable, Item 5 below.	
International application No. PCT/GB 99/03370	International filing date (day/month/year) 11/10/1999	(Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year) 13/10/1998
Applicant ZENECA LIMITED et al.		

This International Search Report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This International Search Report consists of a total of 3 sheets.

It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. Basis of the report

- a. With regard to the language, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
 - the international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1(b)).
- b. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international search was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing :
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 - the statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.
 - the statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished

2. Certain claims were found unsearchable (See Box I).

3. Unity of invention is lacking (see Box II).

4. With regard to the title,

- the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.
- the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

5. With regard to the abstract,

- the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.
- the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box III. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority.

6. The figure of the drawings to be published with the abstract is Figure No.

- as suggested by the applicant.
- because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.
- because this figure better characterizes the invention.

None of the figures.

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH

International Search Report No.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC 7	G01N30/00	G01N27/447	B01L3/00
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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

IPC 7 G01N B01L B01J

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	<p>MANZ A ET AL: "ELECTROOSMOTIC PUMPING AND ELECTROPHORETIC SEPARATIONS FOR MINIATURIZED CHEMICAL ANALYSIS SYSTEMS" JOURNAL OF MICROMECHANICS & MICROENGINEERING, US, NEW YORK, NY, vol. 4, 1994, page 257-265 XP000607370 ISSN: 0960-1317 paragraph '01.3!</p>	1-3
Y	<p>US 5 716 852 A (BRODY JAMES P ET AL) 10 February 1998 (1998-02-10) cited in the application the whole document</p>	1-9
Y	<p>WO 98 09161 A (UNIV CALIFORNIA) 5 March 1998 (1998-03-05) abstract; claim 1</p>	1-9

Further documents are listed in the continuation of box C.

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- "O" document referring to an oral disclosure, use, exhibition or other means
- "P" document published prior to the International filing date but later than the priority date claimed

"T" later document published after the International filing date or priority date and not in conflict with the application but cited to understand the principle or theory underlying the invention

"X" document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered novel or cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is taken alone

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WO 9800231	A	08-01-1998	US 5942443 A AU 3499097 A CA 2258489 A EP 0907412 A	24-08-1999 21-01-1998 08-01-1998 14-04-1999
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US 5643738 A		US 5593838 A	14-01-1997
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		US 5985119 A	16-11-1999
		US 5755942 A	26-05-1998
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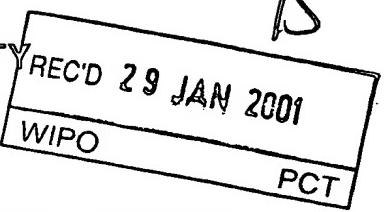
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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.

2. This REPORT consists of a total of 7 sheets, including this cover sheet.

- This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e. sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

These annexes consist of a total of sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I Basis of the report
- II Priority
- III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV Lack of unity of invention
- V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI Certain documents cited
- VII Certain defects in the international application
- VIII Certain observations on the international application

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International application No. PCT/GB99/03370

I. Basis of the report

1. This report has been drawn on the basis of (*substitute sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to the report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17).:*)
Description, pages:

1-14 as originally filed

Claims, No.:

1-9 as originally filed

Drawings, sheets:

1/4-4/4 as originally filed

2. With regard to the **language**, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language: , which is:

- the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of the international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).
- the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).
- the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

- contained in the international application in written form.
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4. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- the description, pages:
- the claims, Nos.:

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EXAMINATION REPORT**

International application No. PCT/GB99/03370

the drawings, sheets:

5. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed (Rule 70.2(c)):
(Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.)

6. Additional observations, if necessary:

V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N) Yes: Claims 8,9
 No: Claims 1-7

Inventive step (IS) Yes: Claims
 No: Claims 1-9

Industrial applicability (IA) Yes: Claims 1-9
 No: Claims

2. Citations and explanations
see separate sheet

VII. Certain defects in the international application

The following defects in the form or contents of the international application have been noted:
see separate sheet

VIII. Certain observations on the international application

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made:
see separate sheet

**INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY
EXAMINATION REPORT - SEPARATE SHEET**

International application No. PCT/GB99/03370

Re Item V

Reasoned statement under Rule 66.2(a)(ii) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

Reference is made to the following documents:

D1: US-A-5 716 852 (BRODY JAMES P ET AL) 10 February 1998 (1998-02-10)
cited in the application

D2: WO 98 00231 A (BOUSSE LUC J ;CALIPER TECHN CORP (US); KOPF SILL ANNE R (US); PARC) 8 January 1998 (1998-01-08)

Document D1 is regarded as being the closest prior art to the subject-matter of claim 1, and discloses (see col. 7, line 18 - col. 8, line 8) a system suitable for the determination of at least one physical property (e.g. the diffusion rate) of a compound which comprises:

- (i) a microfabricated device having an internal surface defining a conduit ("flow channel 100") through which fluid may flow, compound ("small molecules of interest") being present in the fluid,
- (ii) the conduit containing an agent ("indicator stream 70") to which the fluid ("sample stream 80") is brought into contact,
- (iii) a detector ("indicator substance" - see, e.g., col. 8, lines 1-2) for measuring the amount of compound or compound derivative present within the fluid or the agent or both; wherein partitioning of the compound through a partition interface ("diffused indicator area 110") formed between the fluid and the agent and presence of compound in either the fluid or agent or both is measured to determine the physical property.

Therefore, clarity problems notwithstanding, claim 1 is not novel (Article 33(1), (2) PCT).

Clarity problems notwithstanding, claim 4 also appears to be anticipated by D1 which discloses a method for the measurement (see claim 4, para iii) of the amount of compound present (column 7, line 18 - col. 8, line 8). Thus claim 4 does not appear to

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be novel.

The following claims also are not novel:

- Claim 2 see, e.g., D1 col. 7, lines 37-49.
- Claim 3 see, e.g., D1 col. 9, lines 16-19 and Fig. 3.
- Claim 5 see, e.g., D1 col. 3, lines 38-45.
- Claim 6 "diffused indicator area 110" is a liquid.
- Claim 7 see, e.g., D1 col. 7, line 62 - col. 8, line 8.

In addition, the following claims are not inventive:

Claim 8 Although the two fluids represented in Fig. 1 of D1 appear to mix in the "diffused indicator area 110", the skilled man would realise that use of non-miscible fluids would not a priori effect the diffusion upon which the method depends. Use of non-miscible fluids is thus simply an obvious and consequently non-inventive choice.

Claim 9 The use of a "barrier pug" or "spacer fluid region" to separate different samples in such an analysis device is disclosed in D2 (see, e.g., p34, lines 13-19). Its inclusion here certainly cannot be considered inventive.

Re Item VII

Certain defects in the international application

The term MW on line 7 of page 9 should have been clarified.

On page 10 of the description (lines 16-20), figures 1 and 2 are referred to in order to clarify a point. It is not clear, however, in what way figures 1 and 2 of the application are relevant to the text.

Re Item VIII

Certain observations on the international application

Contrary to the requirements of Article 6 PCT, the claims are not clear:

The invention appears to be directed towards the determination of a limited sort of physical property, such as those listed on p2 of the description (lines 11-20). It is not apparent that the invention could be used to detect such physical properties such as conductivity, specific heat coefficient, or magnetic permeability, to take three examples.

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The definition of the invention as being one for the determination (claim 1) or measurement (claim 4) of "at least one physical property" thus seems to be over general.

Claim 1

The "system" of claim 1 is regarded as an apparatus. As the claim is worded, neither the "agent" nor the "fluid" appears to be a feature of the claim, although both are essential to the operation of the system. The line of the claim starting with (ii), thus does not appear to contain any features, but rather relates to a way of using the apparatus of claim 1. This results in a lack of clarity.

The nature of the agent is not clear. It appears from the description that the agent is, at least preferably, also a fluid (see, e.g., line 26, p3). This should be explicitly specified in the claim, in order to distinguish from an agent which is present somehow in the material of the microfabricated device.

It is not clear what is meant by "compound derivative" (line 11), especially as it is specified in line 7 that it is the compound that is present in the fluid.

The last three lines of the claim are not clear. It appears that both the "partitioning of the compound through a partition interface formed between the fluid and the agent" and "the presence of compound in either the fluid or agent or both" are measured. However, the functional statements do not enable the skilled person to determine which technical features are necessary to perform the stated functions, and, indeed, the stated functions are not clear in themselves.

Claim 4

It appears that the fluid should be provided through the conduit, rather than "through an internal surface".

It is not apparent that the words "to allow ... the fluid and the agent" on lines 29-31 of p15 have any restricting effect on the scope of the claim. The nature of the "agent" is not clear (see also claim 1 above).

It appears that it is measurement of the amount of "a derivative of the compound" that

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is intended and clarification of this would have been helped by insertion of the word "of" after "or" of the first line on p16. Furthermore, it is not clear what is meant by "a derivative of the compound".

Claim 5

Although the "fluid" of claim 4 could be taken as the antecedent of "first fluid", there is certainly no antecedent for "second fluid".

Claim 6

It is unclear how the "partition interface" can be a "third fluid".

Claim 9

It is not clear what is meant by a "barrier pug". Furthermore, it is not clear in what way this "barrier pug" is introduced.

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The invention relates to a microfabricated device for use in measuring the physical properties of compounds, where the properties measured using such devices are those which involve partitioning of the compound between two phases, measuring partition coefficients, distribution coefficients, acid-base dissociation constants, solubility and vapour pressure. The device comprises a microfabricated conduit, in which two fluids flow creating at least two phases between which the compound may partition, and a detector for measuring the amount of compound in each or both fluids.

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